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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.